

First National Bank of Barton  
AL-VI-C-193  
Railroad Street, Barton  
1901

The First National Bank of Barton was built in 1901 but did not open for business until November of 1902. Patrick A. Laughlin was an employee of the bank who began his career in this building as cashier, eventually he became president of the institution. In 1969 the bank merged with two other banks and this building became the Barton Post Office.

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

First National Bank of Barton

AND/OR COMMON

UNITED STATES POST OFFICE, BARTON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Railroad Street

Sixth

CITY, TOWN

Barton

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegheny

**3 CLASSIFICATION****CATEGORY**

☐ DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

☒ PUBLIC  
☐ PRIVATE  
☐ BOTH

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

☒ OCCUPIED  
☐ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

**ACCESSIBLE**

☐ YES: RESTRICTED  
☒ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☐ NO

**PRESENT USE**

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM  
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK  
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☒ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Edward H. Robertson

Telephone #: 463-6437

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Box 151

CITY, TOWN

Barton

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE Zip code

Maryland 21521

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
 REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegheny County Courthouse

Liber #: 469

Folio #: 874

STREET &amp; NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

STATE  
 Maryland 21502**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

\_\_\_ FEDERAL \_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
 SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

## 7 DESCRIPTION

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### CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT      ☐ DETERIORATED  
☒ GOOD            ☐ RUINS  
☐ FAIR             ☐ UNEXPOSED

### CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED  
☐ ALTERED

### CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The First National Bank of Barton is located on the southeastern side of Railroad Street in Barton.

The building consists of a small one and one-half story, three bays wide rectangular brick structure constructed in stretcher bond. It rests on a low foundation of coursed rock-faced ashlar stone with a beveled brick water table. The high hipped roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Eaves consist of a boxed cornice, soffit, bed-mould, and frieze. A hip roofed dormer on the northwest has two windows with a mullion and the same eaves as above. Wall features include an original burglar alarm.

The main entrance, in the center of the northwestern facade, is recessed in a semicircular arched bay with labled wooden moulding. The entrance includes a semicircular transom, narrow one light side-lights with two recessed panels under each, and a two panel, one light door with original hardware separated from the transom by a pediment decorated with dentils. Windows are pegged, one over one lights with flat brick arches. Windows of the northwestern facade are wide with rock-faced stone lintels and lugsills. An original corbeled brick chimney with a relatively tall stack is located inside end. A hip roofed addition is on the southeast.

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1901

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The First National Bank of Barton was built in 1901 and opened for business in November of 1902. (1) Patrick A. Laughlin who began his career as cashier of the bank eventually became president of the institution. (2) In 1969 the bank merged with the Citizens' National Bank of Westernport and the First National Bank of Oakland under the latter's name. (3)

The small building was designed with some Romanesque Revival elements popular during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. These include the semicircular arched entrance, the steeply sloped hip roof, and the hipped dormer. Although small in size the building has a solid appearance desirable for a bank building. An interesting feature of this building is an original burglar alarm prominently displayed on the main facade. Now used as a post office the building stands as a reminder of the cultural sensitivity employed in the design of buildings in the past.

- (1) Interview with Mr. Joseph Howell, First National Bank of Oakland, Barton, Md. July 11, 1979
- (2) James W. Thomas and T.J.C. Williams, History of Allegany County (Philadelphia: L.R. Titsworth and Co. ) p. 935 and interview, Mr. Joseph Howell
- (3) Allegany County Land Records. Liber 436, Folio 565

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## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Allegany County Land Records  
 Thomas, James W. and Williams T.J.C. History of Allegany County  
 Philadelphia: L.R. Titsworth and Co., 1923

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY

40'x100'

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites

DATE

July 10, 1979

STREET & NUMBER

3 Pershing Street

TELEPHONE

777-5944

CITY OR TOWN

Cumberland

STATE

Maryland 21502

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
 The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
 (301) 267-1438

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NAME OF PROPERTY:

RR St.

310 NW

ADDRESS:

WINGS, ADDITIONS: similar BRCH cement bound. Hipped roof

DWELLING SHAPE: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

( ) FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)  
 (✓) BRICK: Bond type - common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants. *STRETCHER Bond*  
 ( ) STONE: Bond type - rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated  
 ( ) LOG  
 ( ) OTHER: Coverings

WALL FEATURES: Belt Course, Pilasters, Others.

FOUNDATIONS: High, Low, Brick, Stone

WATER TABLE: None, Plain, Beveled, Moulded Brick

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1(✓) 2/2( ) 6/6( ) 9/6( ) 9/9( ) other( )

ENTRANCE, DOORS:

LOCATION: Center NW, 2 P. 1 Light Entrance semicircular lintel  
HARDWARE: original(✓) replaced() decorated, recessed semi circular transom  
FAN LIGHT, TRANSMOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN cornice Bed Dentils  
Paneled, Vertical, Horizontal Boards 1 long vert rect right - 2 recessed panels

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES:

original (✓) replaced ( ) rafter ends, modillions, dentils, frieze, architrave

ROOF: Gable front, Gable flank, Hip, Shed, Mansard, Gambrel, Flat, Dormers

MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin asphalt;

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed( ) hip( ) gable( )

CHIMNEYS:

Number: 1 Brick(✓) Stone( ) Corbeled(✓) original(✓) replaced( )  
Location: Flush end( ) Inside end(✓) Outside end( ) Central( ) Interior( )

CHES:

Door & Windows: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS:

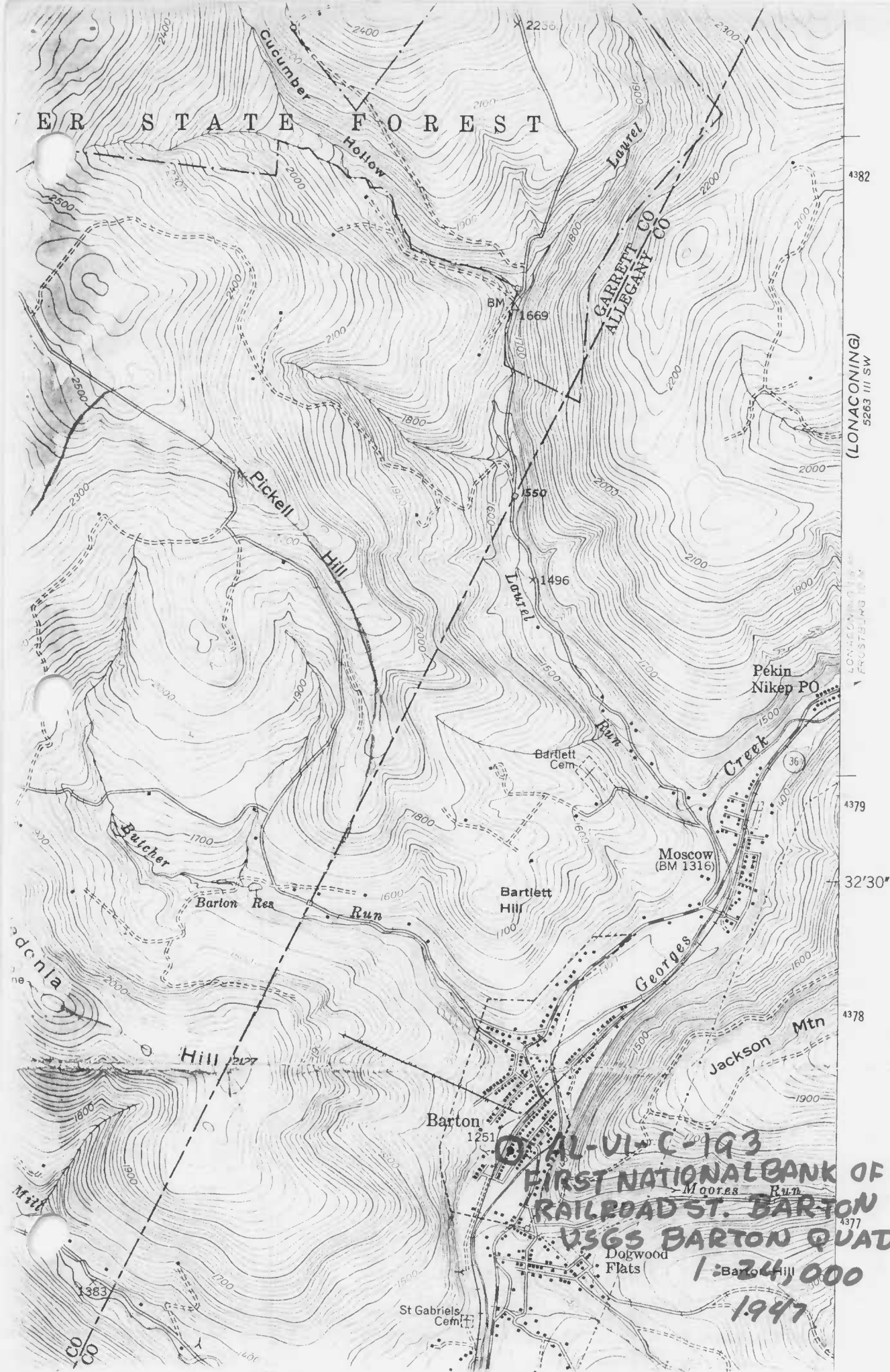
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FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BARTON  
RAILROAD ST. BARTON

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1947



A black and white photograph of a single-story brick building, identified as a United States Post Office. The building features a central arched doorway with a small set of steps and a decorative pediment. There are several windows, some with shutters. A large sign is mounted on the roof above the entrance, and a smaller sign on the left wall reads 'BURGLAR ALARM'. A mailbox with the number '2' is visible on the right side of the building. A utility pole stands in front of the building.

UNITED STATES POST OFFICE  
BARTON, MARYLAND 21521

BURGLAR  
ALARM

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FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BARTON  
RAIL ROAD ST. BARTON

DAVID A. DORSEY

10/25/78

south



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FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BARTON  
RAILROAD STREET, BARTON

DAVID A. JORSEY

10/25/78

NORTH